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## **PART III**

Notification by High Court, Labour Commissioner; Advertisements; Director of Lotteries, Punjab and Notices etc.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to the provisions under the Copyright Act 1957, this is to notify that Recorded Music Performance Ltd (RMPL) has been registered as a Copyright Society for Sound Recording by DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India on 18th June vide Registration No. CS/03/SOUND RECORDING/18.

As per Section 33 of the Copyright Act 1957, (Amendment) Act, 2012 which says: "The business of issuing or granting license in respect of literary, dramatic, musical and artistic works incorporated in a cinematograph films or sound recordings shall be carried out only through a copyright society duly registered under this Act;"

For usage of Copyrighted Music controlled by RMPL, License from the said society is mandatory as per provision of Copyright Act 1957.

We would like to bring to your notice, that it is mandatory to take a Public Performance License from RMPL under the Copyright Act 1957. RMPL is entitled & authorized to issue this License under Section 33(3) of the said Act to any Commercial Establishment or Public Place such as Hotel, Restaurant, Café, Bar, Stores, Mall, Auditorium, Discotheque, Lounge Bar, Pub, Theaters and Stadium, Airlines, Airport, Musical Soiree, Sports Events, Corporate Event, Fashion Show, Exhibition etc. where copyrighted music (sound recordings) of member companies is being used or communicated through any mode or medium like Music Cassettes or CDs or FM Radio or Cable or TV or DJs, Computers etc.

As per section 63 of the Copyright Act 1957: Any person who knowingly infringes or abets the infringement of-

- (a) The copyright in work, or
- (b) Any other right conferred by this Act,

[shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than six month but which may extend to three years and with fine which shall not be less than fifty thousand rupees but which may extend to two lakh rupees:

Provided that [where the infringement has not been made for gain in the course of trade or business] the

court may, for adequate and special reasons to be mentioned in the judgment, impose a sentence of imprisonment for a term of less than six months or a fine of less than fifty thousand rupees.]

As per section 64 Power of Police to seize infringing copies: [(1) Any Police officer, not below the rank of sub-inspector, may, if he is satisfied that an offence under section 63 in respect of infringement of copyright in any work has been, is being, or is likely to be, committed, seize without warrant, all copies of the work, and all plates used for the purpose of making infringing copies of the work, wherever found, and all copies and plates so seized shall, as soon as practicable, be produced before a Magistrate.]

This is for strict guidelines for State Administration for strict enforcement of the said Law in the State of Punjab.

All concerns are hereby requested for strict implementation of the provision of the said law and make necessary compliance as per Law.

Sd/-RMPL

Copyright Society Registered With Ministry of Commerce & Industry (DPIIT) Govt. of India.

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